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E. O. 11652: ADS DECONTROL 4/17/74

TAGS: EAID, BG

SUBJECT: FY 1973 ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH

REF: TOKYO 3828

1. IN MEETING TODAY WITH USAID OFFICIALS, YOSHIKAZO KANEKO, SECOND SECRETARY, JAPANESE EMBASSY, DACCA REQUESTED CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE USG \$30 MILLION GRANT TO BD SIGNED ON APRIL 10. KANEKO WHO ALSO SERVED AS A DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING, INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT IN LIGHT OF THE USG STATEMENT ON APRIL 1 AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BANGLADESH THAT FUTURE NON- HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENTS WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE RESOLUTION OF THE DEBT ISSUE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. WE RESPONDED THAT THE RECENT GRANT WAS A PART OF OUR FY 1973 ASSISTANCE FOR RELIEF AND REHABILITATION PURPOSES AND THEREFORE WAS IN FACT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. KANEKO SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THIS EXPLANATION.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE (A) THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THIS RECENT GRANT
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TO THE DEBT QUESTION AND (B) THERE WILL BE ANOTHER GRANT
MADE DURING THE FINAL QUARTER OF FY 1973, IT WOULD BE
HELPFUL IF AMEMBASSY WOULD PROVIDE GOJ ASSURANCE THAT ALL
FY 1973 FOOD AND NONFOOD GRANT ASSISTANCE TO BANGL,
BECAUSE THE VACUUM WILL BE FILLED, AND IF IT IS FILLED BY

A MUCH MORE CLUMSY, MORE HEAVYHANDED POWER, LIFE WOULD
BECOME A GREAT DEAL MORE UNCOMFORTABLE FOR THE SMALLER
COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA."

5. DISCUSSING THE POSITION OF THAILAND, LEE STATED "...
IF SOUTH VIET- NAM WERE TO GO COMMUNIST IN THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE, IT DOES NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT THAILAND AND
THE OTHER COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WOULD GO COMMUNIST,
BECAUSE THE MOOD TODAY IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE MOOD
IN 1954 AFTER DIEN BIEN PHU, WHEN EVERYBODY BELIEVED IT
WAS INVINCIBLE, THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, THE WAVE OF THE
FUTURE."

6. COMPLETE TEXT OF INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED. ROGERS

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